

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this application. A marked up copy of the amended claims is attached.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 865.41078X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, characterized in that, during delivery, the nonwoven material is simultaneously processed and cooled at the intrinsic temperature of the nonwoven material.

8. (Amended) Device according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 including a calendar roller pair followed by an endless conveyor provided for further processing, characterized in that an additional permeable endless delivery conveyor (18) extends above the nonwoven track, approximately from the roller nip up to and beyond the following endless conveyor (17), to which endless delivery conveyor is associated a suction device (24) running parallel to the conveyor (18) and located above the nontransport side.

10. (Amended) Device according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that a suction device (23) to receive the nonwoven material from the endless delivery conveyor (18) is located at the upper delivery site of the nonwoven material (21) extending from the endless delivery conveyor (18) to the following conveyor (17) below said endless conveyor.

11. (Amended) Device according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1 including a calendar roller pair followed by an endless conveyor for further processing, characterized in that a counter-rotating perforated drum (19) is associated with the lower roller of the calendar roller pair (5), in which drum a partial vacuum is generated.

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